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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Tuesday, January 4, 2011 4:15 p.m.  
Date/Time of Occurrence: Monday, January 3, 2011 2:05 p.m.  
Nature of Event: Man caught in bank attempting to pass stolen checks  
Location of Call: U.S. Bank, 2360 Grass Valley Hwy., Auburn, CA  
Released by: Dena Erwin, PIO (530) 889-6901

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

An Auburn man was arrested inside a north Auburn bank Monday afternoon while attempting to cash a check he had stolen from a woman he recently befriended.

U.S. Bank officials called the Placer County Sheriff's Office when Kyle L. Estes, 20, and a female were still inside the bank attempting to cash a \$550 check. The victim had been in the bank 20 minutes earlier to report recent unauthorized activity on her account.

Estes was arrested on numerous felony charges, including burglary, identity theft, possession of stolen property and forgery. He was also wanted on two warrants. The female, Crystal Welty, 31, was questioned but investigation revealed that she was not involved in the crime. She was, however, arrested for an outstanding petty theft warrant. She was booked at the Placer County Jail and was released today.

Estes is being held on \$70,000 bail.



*Kyle L. Estes*